

Frank Simondi House
River Street Historic District
325 W. St. John Street
San Jose
Santa Clara County
California

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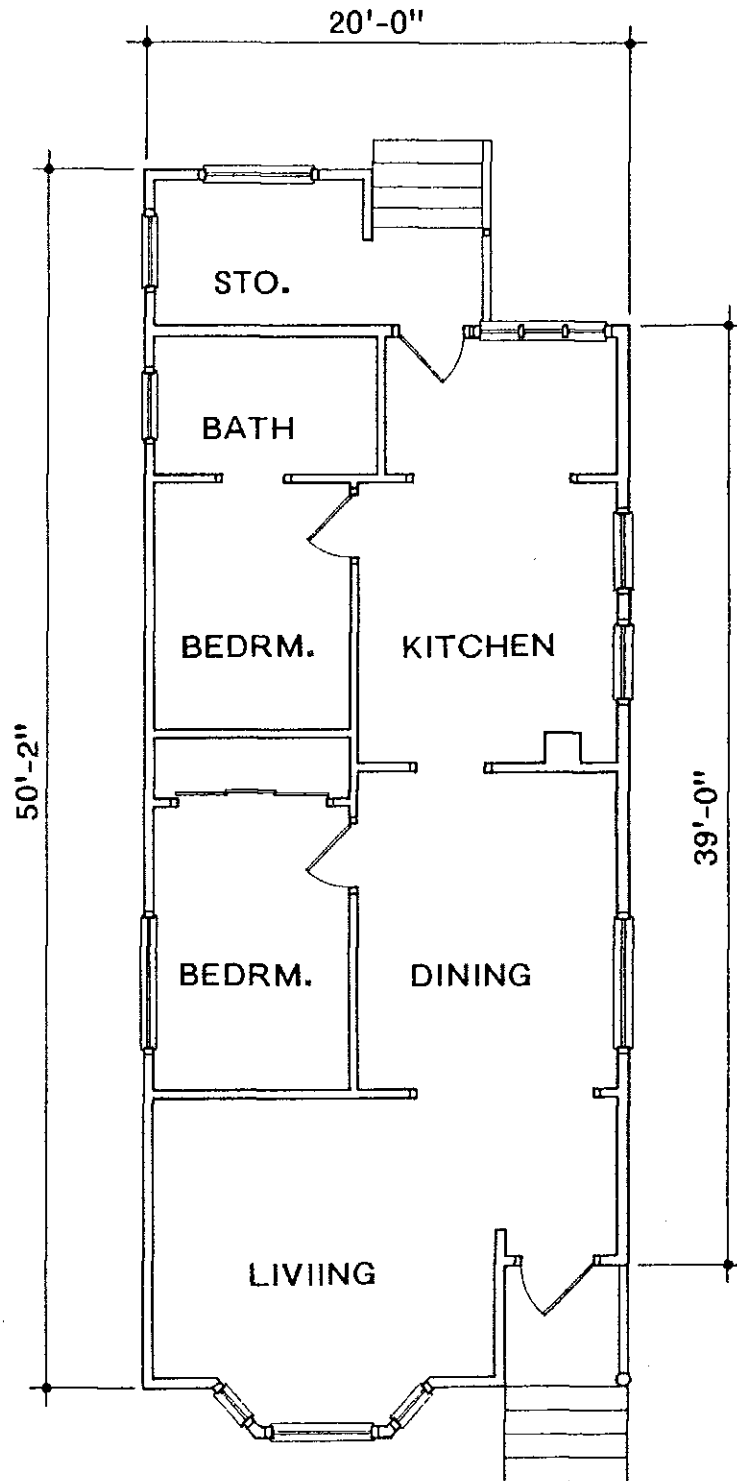
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- Location: 325 West St. John Street, River Street Historic District
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UTM Coordinates: 10-597680-4132430
- Significance: The Frank Simondi House, due to its architectural integrity and contribution to the urban fabric, forms an integral part of the River Street Historic District, a rare intact late nineteenth century and early twentieth century working class neighborhood in San Jose.
- Description: The Frank Simondi House is a one-story wood framed structure that contains a gabled roof with the gable ends facing the street. It features a canted bay window to the left (west) of the facade and an inset half porch to the east. The bay features a large transom window in the center with double hung one over one windows on the sides. It is sided in channel rustic siding, except for the fishscale shingles found in the gable ends. A side turned wooden column supports the porch. The cottage features subdued elements of the Queen Anne style in the use of fishscale shingles, highly decorative barge board, sawtooth brackets and board at the porch, and a patterned railing around the porch.
- The plan features a front living room with a bay window, and two bedrooms with a bathroom along the west wall. The dining and kitchen areas line the east wall. A shed addition extends across half of the rear elevation. The long windows on the west and east elevation appear to be replacements.
- History: This cottage is one of several Queen Anne cottages within the district and is a good example of the type. It was built c. 1910 and one of its first occupants was Felix Bacteria, a millman for J.H. Nichols, who engaged in millwork and stair building on Orchard Street. In 1915, the property was purchased by Frank Simondi, a baker with Reynard and Rispaud. John J. Simondi, a crane operator, and his wife Ruth occupied the house from 1928 until 1943, when it became a rental property.
- Sources: California Historic Resources Inventory Form, prepared by
Stephen D. Mikesell, 1988.
San Jose City Directories.
San Jose 1924 Block Map.
- Historian: Hardlines: Design & Delineation
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

1/8" = 1' - 0"